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SUBJECT: MONTONEROS KILL 16 IN POLICE BUS BOMBING

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1. SIXTEEN PERSONS--12 POLICE AND FOUR CIVILIANS--DIED AND OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WHEN AN EXPLOSION RIPPED APART A POLICE BUS CARRYING 33 PERSONS BACK FROM A SOCCER MATCH IN ROSARIO SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 12). THE BUS WAS REPORTEDLY DESTROYED WHEN A CAR LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES WAS DETONATED BY REMOTE CONTROL AS THE BUS PASSED BY. MONTONEROS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING IN LEAFLETS LEFT AT THE SCENE.

2. THE SAME DAY IN BAHIA BLANCA, FEDERAL POLICE OFFICER CARLOS BALDOVINOS WAS KILLED IN A MACHINE GUN ATTACK AS HE WALKED TO HIS CAR NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION. BALDOVINOS PARTICIPATED IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE DENOUNCING MARXIST INFILTRATION IN THE UNIVERSITY IN BAHIA BLANCA LAST AUGUST. HIS MURDER WAS ALSO APPARENTLY COMMITTED BY THE MONTONEROS.

3. COMMENT. THIS LATEST MASS MURDER BOMBING SHOWS THAT, DESPITE SETBACKS, THE MONTONEROS RETAIN THE CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST ACTS.
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